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OUT AFTER
TELEPHONE
FRANCHISENew Company Will
Ask for the
Streets.UNDERGROUND
WIRES PROPOSEDWire Inspector Hasson Gives Facts
About the Present
System.

Competition in the telephone facilities of the city is contemplated in a measure, now drafted, which will be presented to the next session of the Legislature, giving a franchise to a new company, for the use of the streets for the purpose of putting in the necessary lines. Republican leaders have been consulted in the premises and have announced their intention to support such a measure.

The company, which is backed by local capital largely, proposes to lay all its wires underground in the downtown section of the city. Not only will the underground system be used in what is now the business section, but as well there will be extensions to the outlying blocks which may in future be so used. The area in which all wires are to be buried, according to the announced plans of the company, is bounded by School, River, Alapai and the harbor line.

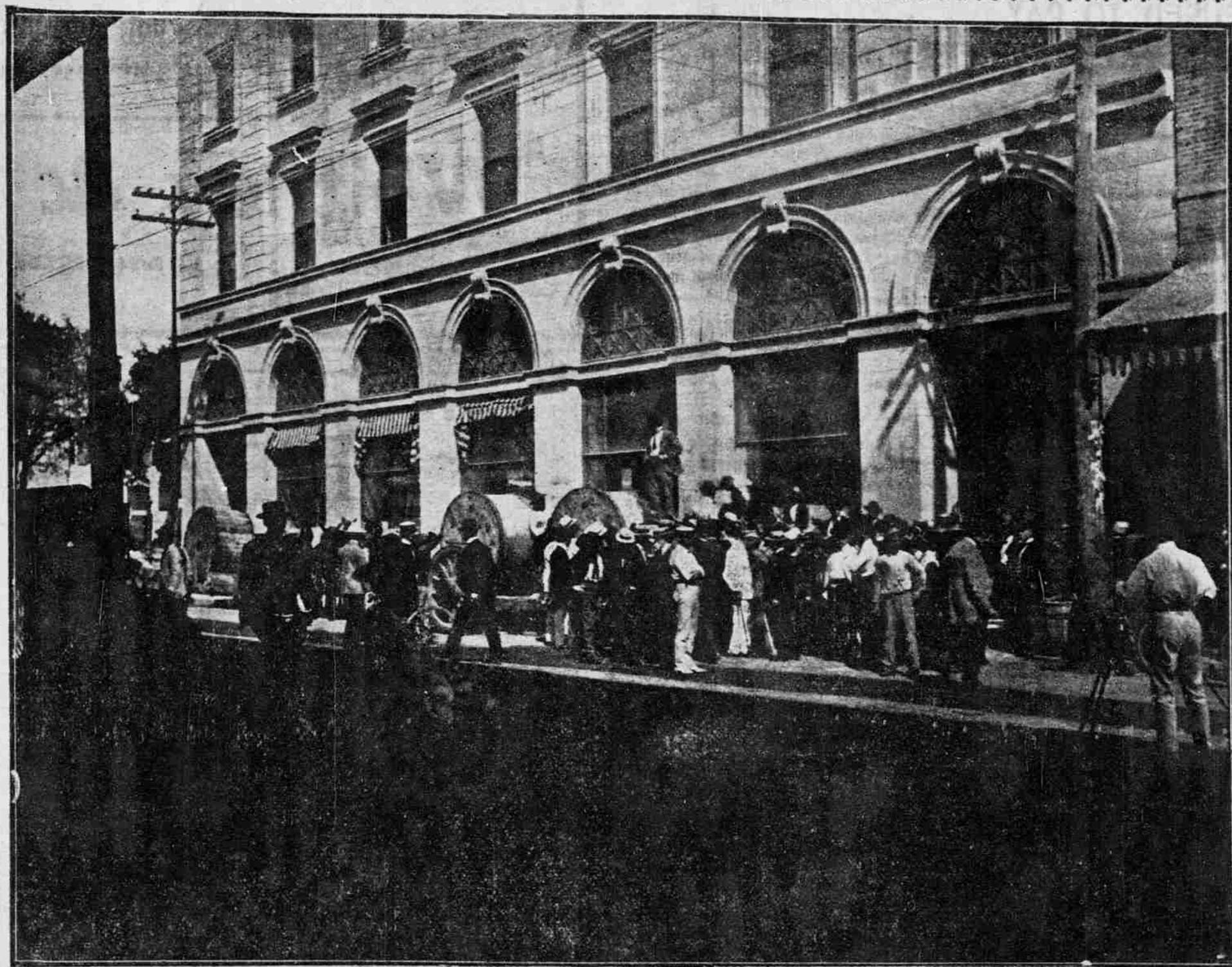
The franchise if granted will have to be ratified by Congress and it is the intention of the promoters of the enterprise to take steps to have the matter brought before the Legislature just as soon as it meets, with the hope that favorable action will mean that there will be time for the sending of the approved bill to the national capital, so that if no great fight is made upon the franchise it may be put through at this session and the work upon the putting down of the wires begun at once. The names of the promoters of the company have been withheld by the members of the Legislature who have been approached in the matter, and it is believed that they will not be uncovered until the application comes before the Legislature.

DEFECTIVE WIRES IN
TELEPHONE SYSTEM

W. F. C. Hasson, government electric wire inspector, finds that the cause of the interruption of the telephone communication about town is due to the poor manner in which the telephone company's wires are strung. As a glaring instance of this he points to the King street service running toward Waikiki, where the wires are strung so closely together that the poles are heavily overburdened. Despite the fact that four or five cables are hung on the King street poles there are hundreds of single exposed wires. Instead of having the requisite number of wires upon each arm on a pole the number is nearly doubled, and instead of passing upon the regulation glass insulators, small porcelain tips are used and these run very close to the poles.

The crossing of wires, which is a familiar excuse to the patrons when the communication sought cannot be obtained, is due to the proximity of the wires. Mr. Hasson likens the crossing to flag halyards, which wind about each other in a wind. Every gust of wind assists in getting wires crossed under the present system. He says he has often called the attention of the telephone company to its error, but nothing has yet been done to remedy it.

"What I would suggest to users of

FIRST UNDERGROUND CABLE LAID
TO CONNECT OFFICES WITH LANDING

(Advertiser Photo.)

STRINGING THE CABLE AT THE YOUNG BUILDING.

WITH approximately 1,000 feet of the underground cable dragged into the conduits, the force given the preliminary brushing up which will fit it for the work to be done and organization complete, the first day's labor of laying the electrical conductors which will connect the Young building office of the Pacific Cable Company with the cable house on the ocean front at Waikiki, was pronounced by the men who had it in charge a most successful one.

Early yesterday morning the work of getting in shape for the day's pulling was begun. Truck loads of reeled cable were collected at the rear entrance to the offices on King street, where being consolidated, two reels on each truck, the covers were stripped from two and

the telephone is that when their phones are out of order for a week to ten days or more to refuse to pay for the time they were deprived of the service," said Mr. Hasson yesterday. "This matter has been fought out in other cities and the companies have been defeated. They have no right to charge in advance for service which they have not rendered. The only way to make the company come to time is for the patrons, as I have said, to refuse payment. I venture to say that if a milkman fails to leave the regulation quart of milk on a housekeeper's doorstep, for even two nights, they would refuse to pay the bill if delivery for every day in the month were included in it.

"What makes it aggravating in a metropolitan city is the effect that poor service of a telephone company has on business. Physicians depend upon the telephones, as do those who are in need of them, and patrons obtain police protection by phone. As an instance of the failure of the telephone company to repair its lines since the last storm, the watermaster has been compelled to drive up Nuuanu valley every night in order to ascertain whether the reservoirs are full. It is necessary for him to do so, as the city depends upon full reservoirs in case of conflagrations.

"What I would desire very much is to have people who have suffered from poor and non-service over the telephone system make written complaints to me. I have had plenty of verbal complaints, but what I want are written ones. Then I will have something to work upon.

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they were swung on axes which permitted the unwinding of the lead covered wires. The men were carefully instructed, and the windlasses which were to do the dragging were placed first at the corner of Alakea street, and then the work was ready to put under way. The first length of the cables to be drawn through the conduits was the 212 feet which reaches from the building to the Alakea street corner. The cable ends were wound about with light wires attaching to them the swivels. This course is followed so that the cable is not injured by the pulling. The wires were then covered with burlap and with these plentifully greased the rope which had been drawn through the pipes after the small wire which was put in as the pipe was laid in the ground, was hauled along by the windlass at the manhole,

and the two cables were thus snaked through the conduit.

The cable was then cut and a length of 145 feet back of the building to the entrance of the office put down. The pulling was so hard that the original intention to haul an extra hundred feet through and then run in it into the office, doing away with a joint at the manhole, was given over and the cable cut and the hundred feet separately put through the short distance into the office.

This done the trucks and reels were moved to Alakea street and the rope pulled through the 510 feet to the manhole at Queen, and before dark that length of cable was in its place. There were none of the joints made yesterday and they will be finished today by the experts brought out from the East. This

is a work of great care, as there must be no moisture or air in the joint when completed.

The work will now be pushed rapidly. It is thought it may be finished within two weeks, but none of the men interested are bragging of their power to make time. There will be extra cable kept on hand all the time so that there may be no delay.

Superintendent Gaines watched the first work with interest. Mr. Martin, representative of the Okonite company, makers of the cables, being in direct charge, the work being managed by Expert Trebell, who had an assistant he brought from California, and a dozen men furnished by Lord & Belser, the contractors, for the work. All day the cable workers were surrounded by interested citizens.

SENATE SESSION NEARING
ITS CLOSING MINUTES

Report That Kepoikai Will Accept and Robinson Take the Post Vacated By Cooper.

According to rumors last evening, a message was received from Senator H. P. Baldwin at Waikuku, stating that Judge A. N. Kepoikai had consented to take the Treasury office, and that the two would return to this city early this morning. This report could not be verified.

Should this be fact there will be only a few minutes more work for the Senate before its extraordinary session is closed. The finding of an appointee who will accept the Treasury, alone prevents the sending in of the names of the men who are to fill the offices, and once Judge Kepoikai gives his assent, the message of the Governor will go to the upper body. Its confirmation of the appointments will take only the time necessary to pass a resolution, and then the work of the session will be done but for the passing of the bills incurred. The Senate meets at 10 o'clock this morning.

The most interesting new information produced yesterday was the statement by a prominent Senator, that Mark P.

Robinson had consented to accept the billet of Secretary of the Territory, and that the next steamer would bear his recommendations to President Roosevelt. This will put in the office a representative Hawaiian, and will at the same time place Mr. Robinson where he can serve the Territory without the necessity of giving up all his time to the service of the people, but will enable him to attend to his own business in a great measure.

There are said to be many minor officials who believe there will be material changes in the staff officers of the new heads of departments, and aspirants are also springing up on the assumption that there will be vacancies created for the purpose of giving places to new men. Members of the Republican committee deny that they are contemplating any further changes.

Jumped From Electric Car.

A Japanese woman riding in car 5 of the Rapid Transit on Liliha street, near Ahlo's place yesterday morning, sustained serious injuries by jumping from the car while it was moving. She

pushed the electric gong button and then immediately stepped off to the running board and jumped. She fell partly upon her head and shoulders, her face and head being badly cut and she was rendered unconscious. The patrol wagon was sent for and the injured woman was conveyed to the Japanese hospital. She will recover. Among the Japanese it seems to be a habit or thought that ringing the bell is merely a signal to the conductor to announce that they are about to get off, and not that they want the car to stop.

The "Mounted" Carriers.

A Honolulu man noticing a line of buggies standing on the Ewa side of the Postoffice building yesterday was led to inquire of Cashier Louis Kenake if a new hack stand had been authorized. The reply was that the buggies were for the new "mounted" carriers, authorized by J. W. Erwin, inspector of the free delivery system. The "mounted" carriers are not required to go over their routes on horseback, but in two-wheeled rigs. Four are now being built especially adapted for carrying mail, and are to be ready by January 1.

McCandless Incurred Big Expense.

J. A. McCandless left Honolulu for San Francisco yesterday as a passenger on the Jap liner Nippon Maru. By doing so he had to pay \$200 to the steamship company in addition to the regular saloon fare, as the steamship company being a foreign one incurs the penalty of \$200 fine for carrying passengers from one American port to another. Mr. McCandless is said to be making a business trip to Seattle.

CALLS ON
CITIZENS
FOR FACTSEustis Will Meet
With the
People.COMMISSIONER
VIEWS THE CITYPlan to Receive Suggestions and
Inspect Sites and Then Go
on to Hilo.

Business men of Honolulu will discuss the necessity for public buildings with Special Commissioner Eustis, at a meeting to be held in the Legislative Hall of the Capitol on Monday afternoon. The breadth of the inquiry which is being made by the representative of Secretary Shaw is so great that the meeting promises to be one not only of supreme importance but of the deepest interest as well.

The meeting has been arranged by the Governor and Mr. Eustis, it is understood, will be introduced to the gathering, which is expected to comprise the leading men of the community, by the chief executive of the Territory. Mr. Eustis has set forth the matters which he is to make the principal points of investigation, and they show that upon his report may depend many things of the deepest importance to this city and the islands as well. The appointment was made under provision of law, and the report of the commissioner will be awaited by the Secretary before he makes any recommendations as to the provision of public facilities for this portion of the country. The scope of the inquiry is thus put by Mr. Eustis: The postal situation in Honolulu and Hilo and the need if any, of increased post office facilities and probable cost of such increase; to examine into the actual condition of all government buildings in the Territory and their adaptability to the uses for which they are employed, and the need, if any, of enlargement and repairs, and the probable cost of any additional sites that may be necessary for the purpose of new buildings, especially post offices. Also to examine into the matter of the Hawaiian silver coinage.

Yesterday Mr. Eustis met the Federal officials and spent much of the day in going over the present buildings and looking over the plots of ground now owned by the government here. He was a visitor at the Custom House for some time and looked over the Federal property there and into the needs of the various sections of the Collector's force and the housing of the bureaus.

Mr. Eustis met a number of prominent people yesterday and to each announced that he hoped to receive all possible information of the needs of the city and the islands at large. He told some inquirers that he would be here for the next three weeks at least, and perhaps would not get away until the end of the year. He proposes to stay until the cable is in working order and will perhaps make his preliminary report in that way, so that there may be some knowledge at Washington as to what he will find is needed here.

On the steamer of December 16th Mr. Eustis will go to Hilo and he expects that he will be accompanied on the trip by Secretary Cooper, and that by announcing their coming they may have such meetings during their short stay, as will enable him to tell exactly the needs of that city, as it is specifically mentioned in his instructions from the Treasury Department. The various Trade bodies are expected to hold meetings and send a memorial to the commissioner, so that he may have their recommendations in a concrete form.